Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,718, filed November 28, 2003, which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/459,553, filed December 13, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,291,184, which is a Divisional of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/093,293, filed June 8, 1998, now United States Patent No. 6,001,577, which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/612,895, filed March 8, 1996, now United States Patent No. 5,763,177, which is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of PCT/US94/10562 (WO 95/08003), filed September 16, 1994, each of which is entitled Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment: Photoselection of Nucleic Acid Ligands and Solution SELEX. PCT/US94/10562 (WO 95/08003) is a Continuation-in-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/123,935, filed September 17, 1994, entitled Photoselection of Nucleic Acid Ligands, now abandoned, and a Continuation-in-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/143,564, filed October 25, 1993, entitled "Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment: Solution SELEX," abandoned in favor of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/461,069, now United States Pat. No. 5,567,588. United States Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/123,935 and 08/143,564 are Continuations-in-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/714,131, filed June 10, 1991, entitled "Nucleic Acid Ligands," now United States Patent No. 5,475,096, which is a Continuation-in-Part of United States Patent application Ser. No. 07/536,428, filed June 11, 1990, entitled "Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment," now abandoned. United States Patent Application Serial. No. ~~08/612,895~~ 08/143,564 is also a Continuation-in-Part of United States Patent Application Serial. No. 07/931,473, filed August 17, 1992, entitled "Methods for Identifying Nucleic Acid Ligands," now United States Pat. No. 5,270,163, which is a divisional of United States patent application Ser. No. 07/714,131. All of the aforementioned patents and patent applications are specifically incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.